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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Shigeo FUJITA, Toshihiko YAMAZAKI, Hiroshi ITO, and
Shinichi KAMOSHIDA
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref. Q78418

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising forty-two (42) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and fifteen (15) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Assignment will be filed at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>21</u> - 20	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$18.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>7</u> - 3	=	<u>4</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$344.00</u>
Base Fee							<u>\$770.00</u>
TOTAL FEE							<u>\$1132.00</u>

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-326522	November 11, 2002
Japan	2002-326523	November 11, 2002
Japan	2002-326526	November 11, 2002
Japan	2002-366089	December 18, 2002
Japan	2003-017814	January 27, 2003
Japan	2003-017815	January 27, 2003
Japan	2003-017816	January 27, 2003
Japan	2003-017817	January 27, 2003



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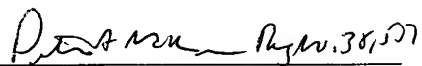


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The priority documents will be filed at a later date. **Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on November 11, 2003, a holiday, the filing of this application on November 12, 2003 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of all priorities.**

Respectfully submitted,
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